IOLANI PALACE

364 South King Street, Honolulu

Termed "the only royal palace in the United States," thus was the official residence of the last two rulers of the Kingdom of Hawaii King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani. As such, it is the most important surviving symbol of the days of Hawaiian independence. Designed and constructed from 1879 to 1882, it combines Italianate and Second Empire details with verandas appropriate to the local climate. In 1898 the formal transference of the sovereignty of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States took place on the palace steps. Iolani Palace is now a museum.